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MEETING (22 MAR)

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1. THE SCHEDULING OF A SCEPC MEETING FOR 22 MARCH (REF B)
PRIOR TO THIS WEEK'S EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG)
ADDRESSAL OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP) TASK
FORCE REPORTS IS SOMEWHAT UNFORTUNATE. NEITHER WE
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NOR THE PERMANENT CEP REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR ALLIES
YET HAVE A SUFFICIENT GRASP ON OVERALL ALLIES ATTITUDES
TOWARD THE TASK FORCE 2 (REINFORCEMENT) REPORT.
WHILE THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS
OF THE TF 2 REPORT AND WILL URGE OUR ALLIES TO ADHERE
TO THE PROGRAMS AND DEADLINES PROPOSED, THERE WILL
PROBABLY BE SOME RELUCTANCE, AT LEAST ON THE PART

OF SOME ALLIED PERMANENT CEP REPRESENTATIVES, TO
ACCEPT SUCH DEADLINES OR TO ACCEPT ANY CHANGE OF CEP
GUIDANCE WITHOUT A DECISION ON THE PART OF THEIR

HIGHER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. WERE THE SCEPC MEETING
TO OCCUR SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE EWG MEETING, WE
WOULD FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN BOTH PROPOSING AND
GAINING ACCEPTANCE OF NEW CEP GUIDANCE. SINCE
THE 22 MARCH MEETING IS FIRM, MISSION SHOULD SEEK
TO INSURE THAT ALLIED PERMANENT CEP REPRESENTATIVES
WILL NOT BLOCK THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE PLANNING
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (PBC) ACTIONS.

2. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT,BY ASKING FOR MAJOR
PERMANENT SCEPC SESSION DECISIONS (REF A),THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) IS GOING AGAINST THE
EUROPEAN BELIEF THAT SUCH DECISIONS SHOULD BE
RESERVED FOR PLENARY SESSIONS WHILE WE HAVE NO
PROBLEM IN PROVIDING MISSION WITH SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE
UPON WHICH TO MAKE SCEPC DECISIONS, DENMARK, THE
NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY HAVE BEEN ADAMANTLY AGAINST
PERMANENT SESSION DECISIONS AS EVIDENCED DURING THE
1975-76 SCEPC SPECIAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. HOWEVER,
RESERVATIONS AD REFERENDUM ON THE PART OF EUROPEAN
DELEGATES ARE BETTER THAN REJECTIONS OF ANY NEW
GUIDANCE.
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3. RECOGNIZING THE ABOVE, WE FEEL THAT MISSION
SHOULD STILL DO ITS UTMOST TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS
AND DEADLINES SET BY THE TASK FORCE. THEREFORE,
WE SUPPORT THE FARRANT PROPOSAL. WE FEEL THAT THE
CAPC AGENDA AND THE PBOS AGENDA AS WELL AS THE
DELEGATES TO BOTH MEETINGS CAN READILY ACCOMMODATE
THE DISCUSSIONS. THE PBEIST AGENDA MAY REQUIRE
ADJUSTMENT, AND THE IS CAN BE EXPECTED TO HAVE A
DIFFICULT TIME IN GAINING FULL SUPPORT FOR A
RE-DIRECTION AND A PUSH FOR REVISED GUIDANCE.

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